

Climate Change Non-Departmental Account

Monthly Reporting

In May 2021, County Council approved reporting language in its Operating Budget miscellaneous provisions of Resolution 19-872 with regards to the Climate Change NDA:

This resolution appropriates \$650,200 to the Climate Change Planning Non-Departmental Account (NDA). Funds in this NDA must be used to implement the County's Climate Action Plan to meet the County's goal of an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2027 and a 100 percent reduction by 2035, and to implement climate change adaptation strategies. This NDA includes costs for three new positions within the Department of Environmental Protection's Energy, Climate, and Compliance Division. The Executive must transmit within 15 days after the end of a month a report on the previous month's expenditures from this account.

In accordance with the resolution, the Executive hereby transmits the monthly report for August 2021.

FY22 Climate Change NDA expenditures reporting: Although expenses related to climate communications were incurred in August, they were not invoiced in the reporting system during the month. These expenses will be reflected in the September monthly update.

August 2021 highlights:

- **Launch of New Community Solar Project at Paddington Square Apartments in Silver Spring:** Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich joined other County leaders and climate change advocates to launch the County's first community solar project that will directly impact low- and moderate-income families. The event was held at Paddington Square Apartments in Silver Spring, which is an affordable housing community. The 286 kilowatts of solar panel energy will be offered to county subscribers in increments of about 3 kilowatts per household. Those who are renting or cannot put solar panels on their homes can subscribe and participate in the community solar program. [Read the County's summary of the event.](#)
- **Montgomery County Climate Change Officer Announced:** The County Executive recently announced that Adriana Hochberg, previously serving as an Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, began serving as the County's first Climate Change Officer effective August 30. In this new role, Adriana will lead the implementation of the Climate Action Plan and promote sustainability efforts of the County.
- **Launch of Campaign to Promote Availability of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton:** MCDOT installed 42 electric vehicle (EV) charging station wayfinding signs in Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton to make drivers aware that they can easily find opportunities to charge their environmentally friendly vehicles. The signs were placed in and around public parking facilities that

currently have EV charging stations. Wayfinding is a comprehensive signage system communicating the location of various destinations. The project's goals are to assist current EV owners in locating charging stations and to create public awareness of the County's charging infrastructure.

For more information:

- The Climate Action Plan and the FY22 Climate Work Plan are available on the climate webpage: [MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/Climate)